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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : Hon. Faith S. Hochberg, U.S.D.J.

Plaintiff, : Civil Action No. 12-6919 (FSH)

-v- :

DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND

A TOTAL OF \$25,200.00 IN UNITED: FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE STATES CURRENCY COMPRISED

OF:

\$10,200.00 IN UNITED STATES :

CURRENCY;

and:

\$15,000.00 IN UNITED STATES
CURRENCY SEIZED FROM SAFE

DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER 697 AT

PROVIDENT BANK,

Defendants in rem. :

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2012, a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem was filed in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey against a total of \$25,200.00 in United States currency, comprised of \$10,200.00 in United States currency, and \$15,000.00 in United States

currency seized from Safe Deposit Box Number 697 at Provident Bank (the "Defendant Property") to enforce the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), that subjects to forfeiture to the United States all monies, negotiable instruments, securities, or other things of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or represents proceeds traceable to such an exchange or was used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation of Title II of the Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Warrant for Arrest In Rem issued by the Clerk of the Court on November 8, 2012, the United States Marshals Service seized the Defendant Property; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 12, 2012, copies of the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem, Warrant for Arrest In Rem, and a Notice of Forfeiture were sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to Paulina Pichardo, 27 East 32nd Street, 2nd Floor, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 (See Declaration of Peter W. Gaeta with Exhibits, Exhibit A, hereinafter "Gaeta Decl." filed herein.); and

WHEREAS, on or about December 15, 2012, copies of the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, Warrant for Arrest *In Rem*, and Notice of Forfeiture were received by Paulina Pichardo, 27 East 32nd Street, 2nd Floor, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 (See Gaeta Decl. Exhibit A.); and

whereas, a notice of civil forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site, namely http://www.forfeiture.gov, beginning on January 4, 2013, and running for thirty consecutive days through February 2, 2013, as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (See Gaeta Decl. Exhibit B.); and

whereas, no conforming Claim has been filed within the time required by Rules G(4)(b)(ii) and G(5)(a) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(4)(A) for the defendant property; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

- 1. That a Default Judgment and a Final Order of Forfeiture is granted against the defendant property, namely a total of \$25,200.00 in United States currency, comprised of \$10,200.00 in United States currency, and \$15,000.00 in United States currency seized from Safe Deposit Box Number 697 at Provident Bank, and no right, title or interest in the defendant property shall exist in any other party; and
- 2. That all forfeited funds, including but not limited to currency, currency equivalents and certificates of deposits, shall be deposited forthwith by the Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service into the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Fund, in accordance with the law.

The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies to all counsel of record.

ORDERED this 13th day of Suptember, 2013

HONORABLE FAITH S. HOCHBERG, U.S.D.J.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT